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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment cautiously steady to weak on frozen whole turkeys. Demand slow with no trading reported. Holiday feature activity remained centered on other competitively priced items. Supplies are mixed and generally available. Parts and meats trading seasonally slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light and trading slow due to the approach of a major holiday. Inquiry slowing for frozen thigh meat, drums and mechanically separated turkey as requirements being filled.

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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-77	74	74.00	12	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-75	72.5-75	73.25	57	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC. 17, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.35	76.06	69.53
CENTRAL REGION	73.41	74.41	67.86
WESTERN REGION	75.30 **	76.50 **	69.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.50	66.85	65.67
CENTRAL REGION	67.00	68.09	65.50
WESTERN REGION	67.70 **	70.00	64.22

16-24 LB TOMS

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	100-103
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	83-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	94-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 20-DEC-99			
	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>		
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	87.84	555	88.81	270
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	87.84	555	88.81	270
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		375		250

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-Dec-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>			<u>WT</u>
N EAST	979	-5	21.40	(A)	(A)	991	21.43
S ATL	724	70	29.35	(A)	(A)	758	29.15
N CENT	2,511	99	26.27	(A)	(A)	2,524	26.25
S CENT	757	123	20.68	NONE	NONE	757	20.68
WEST	316	27	23.45	(A)	(A)	332	23.93
U.S. TOTAL	5,287	(B)	10	24.82	0	75	5,362

24.84

TO DATE

1999 236,081 (B) 56 1,770 237,907

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1998 243,006 (B) 72 1,807 244,885

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 14,000 for the year 731,000; last year to date 1,035,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-Dec-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>—THOUSANDS—</u>			
HEAD	0	5,287	75	5,362
AVG WT	0.00	24.82	26.29	24.84
LAST WEEK	0	3,310	46	3,356
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	3,971	27	3,998
AVG WT	0.00	26.09(A)	25.37	26.08
TO-DATE/1999	56	236,081(A)	1,770	237,907
TO-DATE/1998	72	243,006(A)	1,807	244,885

(A) Includes 731,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,035,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 04-Dec-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 316 HD, 7,411 LBS,
TO DATE 17,427 HD, 421,496 LBS; OLD 16 HD, TO DATE 260 HD;
TOTAL 332 HD, TO DATE 17,587 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER	491,672 *
DECEMBER 1-4, 1999	63,932 *
To date 1999	4,805,922 *
To date 1998	4,859,613 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 DECEMBER 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to firm on fresh tom breast for current shipments, however, some weakness is noted for early January post holiday needs. Destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to fully steady. The undertone continues to soften on bulk parts with 2-joint wings the weakest followed by tom drums. Domestic demand light to fair. Export demand starting to slow on tom drums, frozen mechanically separated turkey (MST) and thigh meat, 2-joints slow. Offerings of frozen MST becoming more available. Fresh scapula (2 loads) 66 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums (3 loads) 25-27 cents delivered.

****NOTICE****

Effective December 13, 1999, Poultry Market News has added fresh destrapped tenders to the daily National Young Turkey Parts report. This change was a result of our recently completed annual review of the Turkey Parts report.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	150
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	102.00		102.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00-32.00		29.44	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	25.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.50-33.00		30.45	111
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	16.00-21.00		18.21	106
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	147.00	140
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	152.17	442
THIGH MEAT	75.00		75.00	23
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	73.00		73.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	107.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	65.00		65.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	130.00		130.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	139.00		139.00	14
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	51.00-52.00		51.46	74
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.14	93
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	312
TAILS		F	14.23	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	74.00-75.00		74.09	440

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on tom full-cut wings with some not seeing the weakness that others see, tails barely steady at best, 2-joint wings and tom drums steady to weak. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) trade sentiment mixed ranging from fully steady to weak on fresh, frozen steady. Undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts steady at best. Demand seasonally slowing due to the upcoming holidays. Offerings of MST uneven, varying by by seller and delivery time needed; 2-joint wings readily available; drums adequate to ample and tails burdensome. For export: ground drum meat (1 load) 43 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	125.00-140.00		131.67	180	131.67	180
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	102.00	40	102.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	29.44	54	29.46	130
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	40	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	40	26.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	30.45	111	30.45	111
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	18	25.62	58
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	18.21	106	18.32	133
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	147.00	140		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.50-156.00		154.50	160	152.09	882
THIGH MEAT		R	75.00	23	74.13	183
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	71.00		71.00	40	72.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	107.00	80	107.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	64.00		64.00	80	64.64	132
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	130.00	80	131.50	320
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	139.00	14	141.26	68
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	51.46	74	51.46	74
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-20.00		18.43	327	18.38	504
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00		32.00	80	29.67	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	30.00		30.00	80	30.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	312	22.00	312
TAILS	14.00		14.00	20	14.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.00	104	21.90	384
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	74.09	440	73.86	560

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